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SUBJECT: BALTIC LANGUAGE BROADCASTS BY RADIO LIBERTY

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF BALTIC ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN URGING THAT BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OBTAIN SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PERMIT BROADCASTS IN BALTIC LANGUAGES. BIB BUDGET AS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS PROVIDES FOR FUNDS TO BEGIN LITHUANIAN BROADCASTS AND REPRESENTATIVE STEELE PROPOSED IN HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MARKUP ON BIB AUTHORIZATION BILL THE ADDITION OF \$150,000 TO PERMIT BROADCASTS IN LATVIAN AND ESTONIAN AS WELL.

2. STEELE PROPOSAL NOT LIKELY TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT AS HOUSE PASSED BIB APPROPRIATION BILL WITH CUT OF \$40,000 IN BIB BUDGET AND BIB NOT APPEALING CUT TO SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

3. UNCERTAIN WHEN AND IF RL CAN BEGIN BROADCASTING IN BALTIC LANGUAGE(S). SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS NOT VOTED OUT AUTHORIZATION BILL AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, WHICH CUT BIB BUDGET LAST YEAR, HAS YET TO ACT. IN EVENT FUNDS PROVIDED FOR BALTIC LANGUAGE BROADCASTS ABOUT SIX MONTHS NEEDED TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN

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STAFF BEFORE ACTUAL BROADCASTING CAN BEGIN.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS
ON BALTIC LANGUAGE BROADCASTS. SISCO

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